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# MARITIME PARLIAMMENTARY BULLETIN

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*The purpose of this bulletin is to update MPs and Peers on the latest developments in the UK maritime sector, and to provide a forward look to opportunities within parliamentary business for positive advocacy.*

### Maritime UK Week

Maritime UK Week 2020 will feature a combination of virtual and physical events, taking place across the breadth of the sector and the length of the country, from **Monday 12 October to Sunday 18 October**.

Maritime UK Week has been organised as an opportunity to shine a spotlight on the UK's maritime sector, its role and future. It follows a period where the maritime sector's role as the fundamental enabler of trade and critical freight supplies into the country were reasserted during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The event programme includes a combination of industry events and public outreach activity. Industry events will include a focus on how the sector will recover from COVID-19, and how maritime can support recovery for the rest of the economy. Major themes will be how the sector gets to net-zero, builds its competitiveness and helps level-up all parts of the country.

We will be issuing invites to MPs and Peers for upcoming events across the UK as part of Maritime UK Week, but for more information, please contact Linn Varhdheim at Maritime UK:

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### Social Media content

During Maritime UK Week, we are asking supportive Parliamentarians to promote it through their social media channels. We have drafted some suggested Tweets here:

*The UK has a proud history as a maritime nation – and has an exciting future. I support @MaritimeUK's call for a £1bn bid to kick-start a world-leading maritime decarbonisation programme. [www.maritimeuk.org/spending-review](http://www.maritimeuk.org/spending-review) #MaritimeUKWeek*

*I'm proud to support our maritime sector this #MaritimeUKWeek. Let's kick-start a world-leading maritime decarbonisation programme, creating tens of thousands of green new jobs across the United Kingdom. [www.maritimeuk.org/spending-review](http://www.maritimeuk.org/spending-review)*

*It is #MaritimeUKWeek – from virtual tours of ships and ports careers fairs and activity at local maritime museums, learn all about Britain's maritime sector this week: <https://www.maritimeuk.org/week/>*

*As we celebrate #MaritimeUKWeek, I pay tribute to our seafarers and maritime workers that have kept Britain supplied through #COVID19. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQ3ZQ6HwOyo&t=13s>*

*Let's rejuvenate our shipbuilding industry by investing in green maritime. [www.maritimeuk.org/spending-review](http://www.maritimeuk.org/spending-review) #MaritimeUKWeek*

*It's #MaritimeUKWeek, where we celebrate our maritime industries and look to the future. Let's #BuildBackBetter through a green coastal industrial revolution. [www.maritimeuk.org/spending-review](http://www.maritimeuk.org/spending-review)*

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Further content for social media can be found here:

- CSR assets: <https://www.maritimeuk.org/spending-review/maritime-organisations/support/campaign-assets/>
- MUK Week logo: <https://bit.ly/3d4mb3p>
- 'Maritime' brand and gif: <https://www.maritimeuk.org/careers/resources/partners/campaign-logo/>

## Upcoming events

As part of Maritime UK Week 2020, Maritime UK is offering parliamentarians the opportunity to visit HMS Tamar on **Tuesday 13th October in Falmouth**.

Key themes for the day will be decarbonisation, workforce, people, and skills, which are linked directly to the maritime industry's bid for £1 billion of government investment in the upcoming Comprehensive Spending Review. This investment will be the key to unlocking further private investment, and will fire the starting gun on a transformational programme of maritime decarbonisation that is expected to create around 75,000 jobs through the supply chain, as well as boosting wider economic growth, particularly in coastal communities.

The ship will be berthed in Falmouth, and visits will take place in smaller groups at **10:00, 12:00 and 14:00 on Tuesday 13th October**. If you wish to attend, please contact Linn Vardheim from Maritime UK at [lvardheim@maritimeuk.org](mailto:lvardheim@maritimeuk.org) with your name and requested time-slot.

The Royal Navy requires all attendees to be pre-approved, so please can you let us know if you do wish to attend by **Friday, 9th October**, so we can provide them with the details ahead of the event.

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## Recent developments

- The Prime Minister has set out his intention to [invest](#) in offshore wind energy, including an initial £160 million investment for ports and infrastructure.
- Maritime UK supports this ambition, but also believe it is important to ensure that the vessels involved in servicing and installing any new wind farms are both green, and built in the UK.
- We would encourage supportive Parliamentarians to make this point to the Prime Minister and to the Government directly – that investment in offshore wind energy is welcome, but that it must go hand-in-hand with investment in decarbonising the UK maritime industry.
- The Transport Secretary has told Maritime UK that he is supportive of the bid and substantial public investment through the CSR. Focus now turns to encouraging the Chancellor and others within the Treasury to support the bid.

## Upcoming Parliamentary opportunities

Suggested questions, statements and briefing material can be provided on request.

### Commons

We would be delighted if MPs would be willing to use any opportunities at PMQs and Business of the House Questions to promote the UK maritime industry (these questions are drafted to be suitable as either oral or written parliamentary questions):

- **PMQs – Wednesdays:** We would be delighted if MPs would be willing to raise maritime at PMQs if they are selected in the ballot, and happy to support in drafting a question
  - **14 Oct – Wales questions:** To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, what actions his department is taking to support the decarbonisation of the maritime industry in Wales.
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- **15 Oct – DEFRA questions:** To ask the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what analysis his department has made of the role decarbonising the maritime industry can play in reaching UK Net Zero commitments by 2050
- **20 Oct – Treasury questions:** To ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer, what analysis the Treasury has made of the level of investment that would be required to decarbonise the maritime industry
- **22 Oct – Transport questions:** To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, what future plans his department has to support decarbonisation of the maritime sector

### Lords

The following oral questions in the House of Lords represent opportunities for maritime decarbonisation to be raised:

- **6 Oct - Oral question:** Additional support for the transport industry to enable it to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic
- **26 Oct – Oral question:** Addressing social and economic inequalities in the economic recovery from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic

### Westminster Hall debates, Adjournment debates and Lords Oral Questions

- **6 Oct – Westminster Hall debate (1630-1730):** Energy provision and alternative fueled vehicles

We would be delighted if parliamentarians would be willing to table requests for parliamentary debates on the UK maritime industry, and we can support with suggestions for these.

### Written Questions

We are also happy to support parliamentarians with ideas and production of additional written questions.

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## UK maritime news

- [Maritime UK responds to the Government's offshore wind announcement](#)
- [Industry comes together to develop new COVID-19 Framework for cruise operators](#)
- [British Ports welcomes new Brexit borders infrastructure funding](#)
- [Update on cancellation of BOATS2020 \(Southampton Boat Show\)](#)
- [Coastal communities must be at the centre of UK's economic recovery](#)
- [North-east council backs effort to call for maritime industry support](#)
- [MarRI-UK Seeks £530M for Zero-Carbon Short Sea Shipping Network](#)

## Current political context

- The maritime sector has made a significant contribution to the UK's COVID response. We have kept supply chains open, ensuring access to vital resource across the country including food, fuel and medicines.
  - We are now looking to develop greater resilience, create jobs and boost economic growth across the UK's coastal communities.
  - To achieve this, Maritime UK has been working collaboratively and successfully with the Department for Transport to shape a Comprehensive Spending Review bid in terms of maritime.
  - Maritime UK is now seeking the support of parliamentarians to help 'seal the deal' with the Chancellor and his Treasury colleagues through the use of parliamentary questions, debates, press activity and private advocacy.
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## Key messages

- Maritime contributes **£46.1bn to the UK economy and supports 1 million jobs** (more than air and rail combined).
- Maritime is **responsible for keeping the country supplied** (resilience): 95 percent of British imports and exports in goods are moved by sea, including 25 percent of the UK's energy supply and 48 percent of food supplies. Investment is essential for maintaining these resilient supply chains that every constituent relies upon.
- Ports **invest over £600m of private capital each year**, benefiting coastal economies through job creation and infrastructure investment.
- Maritime workers are **43% more productive** than UK average.
- Maritime is a source of **well-paid highly skilled roles**, which pay an average of £38,000 per year - £9,000 more than the national average.
- Globally, the maritime **sector will double to \$3trn by 2030**, with the market for maritime emission reduction technologies reaching \$15 billion per year by 2050, resulting in economic benefits to the UK of \$690 million per year.
- Maritime makes a significant contribution to **all nations and regions of the United Kingdom**.
- **\$1.4-1.9tn will be needed to decarbonise** the global maritime industry.





## Our Autumn Spending Review bid is designed to kick-start a world-leading programme to decarbonise the maritime sector

- **Sustain and create high-skilled, well-paid, green jobs:** 1.1m jobs are generated by the UK maritime sector, and investment at the CSR will unlock a wave of green jobs to help the sector decarbonise.
- **Get us to net-zero:** Achieving a net zero maritime sector requires investment now, with the life cycle of a ship being around 25-30 years.
- **Rejuvenate our shipbuilding industry:** No country has yet pulled ahead in the zero-emission maritime race. The UK has the skills and manufacturing potential to become a global leader - let's act fast to secure maximum jobs and economic growth potential.
- **Drive economic development in coastal communities:** Growth in the UK maritime sector will unlock significant growth in areas that are essential for the Government's 'levelling-up' agenda.

The bid is centred on plans to **replicate the success of the UK's automotive industry** in driving its decarbonisation journey. It therefore replicates the Office for Low Emission Vehicles for the maritime sector, with a **government investment of £1bn** to kick-start the UK's maritime decarbonisation programme. This investment, unlocking further private investment, will:

- Directly create **15,200 jobs** and a further **58,400 jobs** throughout the supply chain (73,300 total), according to the Centre for Economics and Business Research.
  - Create jobs in all four nations of the United Kingdom, particularly in coastal communities with a tradition of maritime economic activity, including shipbuilding.
  - Set the UK **on a course to meet its legal net-zero maritime obligations**.
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- Position the UK as the **world-leader in maritime decarbonisation** and help transform the UK into a **scientific superpower**, by taking advantage of the fast-growing market for clean maritime technologies and fuels.
- Fund a programme of **plug-in grants for vessels** and support the roll-out of **electric charging in ports**.
- Fund a **demonstrator programme** to prove the commercial case for low and zero-emission technologies like **hydrogen**.
- Fund low TRL technologies to identify innovative **new and radical solutions** to deliver net-zero.
- **Result in carbon savings of up to 82 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e by 2050** as well as significant associated reductions in air pollutant emissions, generating benefits valued at billions of pounds.
- Maritime decarbonisation is an untapped opportunity. **The marginal cost of decarbonising maritime is lower than decarbonising other modes** because of the greater amount of carbon savings immediately available due to lack of intervention. This means that one pound spent in maritime decarbonisation would deliver greater marginal carbon savings compared to other modes.

### Action is needed now because:

- Maritime decarbonisation is **essential to meet the legislative target** of net zero emissions by 2050. In 2018 domestic **shipping alone produced more GHG emission than rail and buses combined**, whilst representing only 1% of transport emissions in 2009. **Action is needed now** to support the deployment of low emission vessels and infrastructure.
  - Regulation alone is not going to be sufficient: **building on the automotive experience, capital investment in maritime decarbonisation is needed to unlock the industry's potential** and kick-start the transition to zero emission shipping. Intervention will demonstrate the **UK climate leadership ahead of the COP26 summit**, to be hosted in the UK in November 2021.
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